

REMARKS

Claims 4, 11-22 and 24 were pending in this application, with Claim 24 being independent. Claims 11-13, 16, 18-21 and 24 have been amended. Claims 25-26 have been added. No new matter has been added.

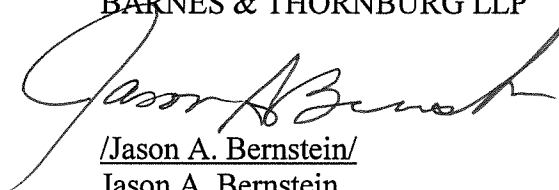
ARGUMENTS

Claim 24 has been amended to change “said” to “the” to use terminology consistently; such amendments are not being made for reasons of patentability. Claim 24 provides a description of the three-dimensional coordinate space of various elements in relation to the base portion. Claim 24 describes a direction (“direction of approach”, see, for example, ¶0049 of the specification for support) which represents the forward facing of the reaction surface and the open arms of the clip, and facing directions of the first and second face planes of the base portion. Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 24 and the amended dependent claims address the Examiner’s comments and suggestions and are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests such action. New Claims 25-26 are presented.

If the Examiner has any questions that can be answered by telephone, please contact the undersigned attorney of record at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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